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SUBJECT: PANAMA'S SC CANDIDACY

REF: PANAMA 1432; STATE 54113

1. PANAMANIAN PERMREP BOYD TOLD MISOFF MAR 13 THAT HE IS PURSUING WITHIN LA GROUP AT UN QUIET CAMPAIGN TO GAIN LA ENDORSEMENT OF SEAT FOR PANAMA ON SC BEGINNING IN JAN 1976. BOYD ADMITTED THAT ARGENTINA SO FAR HAS SHOWN NO INTENTION OF WITHDRAWING ITS CANDIDACY AND ALREADY HAS COMMITMENTS FROM 18 MEMBERS OF LA GROUP. BOYD SAID HIS TACTIC AT THIS POINT IS TO PREVENT LA GROUP ENDORSEMENT OF ARGENTINA FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. HIS PRINCIPAL ARGUMENT IS THAT NO MEMBER OF GROUP (I.E. ARGENTINA) SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT SAME TIME ON UN'S THREE MOST IMPORTANT BODIES -- SC, ECOSOC AND ICJ. BOYD IS ALSO TELLING MEMBERS OF LA GROUP THAT IF ARGENTINA'S AMBASSADOR TO US ORFILA IS ELECTED SENGEN OF OAS THIS SPRING, ARGENTINA'S CLAIM TO SC SEAT WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY WEAKENED AND PANAMA SHOULD BE THE BENEFICIARY. BOYD HINTED, TO MISOFF, HOWEVER, THAT IF ARGENTINA DID NOT WITHDRAW VOLUNTARILY, HE WOULD NOT PUSH PANAMA'S CANDIDACY TO A VOTE BECAUSE "IT IS NOT RIGHT TO DIVIDE LA GROUP."

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